

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Newly Amended) A flexible coupling for connecting a drive to a driven shaft, the coupling comprising:

an annular body of a [mouldable] moldable material; [in which fastener means are incorporated whereby the coupling may be fastened to the shafts, the fastener means comprising]

[an even] a number of parallel bores circumferentially distributed about said body, each bore opening to opposite sides of the body;[,]

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a plurality of link means passing around each bore, at least one of said link means of said plurality of link means [and] extending from at least one of said bores to at least one [to the] adjacent bore in one direction from said at least one of said bores, [first-mentioned bore] and at least one other of said link means of said plurality of link means extending from said at least one of said bores to at least one [to the] adjacent bore in [the other] another direction from said at least one of said bores; [first-mentioned bore,] and

washer means on opposite sides of said link means defining end orifices of each bore, each washer means having a peripheral edge and a peripheral formation, said peripheral formation forming at least part of said peripheral edge and engaging said moldable material such that when the body is [moulded] molded to incorporate the fastener means and link means each washer means [will be] is locked by the [moulded] moldable material against displacement out of said body.

2. (Newly Amended) [The assembly of a] A flexible coupling as claimed in claim 1, in which said coupling couples a drive shaft having an annular flange formed with a number of circumferentially spaced holes [at least half the number of the fastener means,] to a driven shaft having an annular flange formed with a number of circumferentially spaced holes [at least half the number of the fastener means and] with a plurality of bolts passing through respective said fastener means, [half of the] wherein at least one of said bolts [fastening] fastens the coupling to the flange of the drive shaft and [the other half of the] at least one other of said bolts [fastening] fastens the flange on the driven shaft to the coupling.

3. (Original) A flexible coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein said peripheral formation is a peripheral groove in each said washer means.

4. (Newly Amended) A flexible coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein the [mouldable] modalbe material is a thermosetting plastics material.

5. (Original) A flexible coupling as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plastics material is a urethane polymer.

6. (Original) A flexible coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein the washer means are of metal.

7. (Newly Amended) A flexible coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein the link means are of composite material[, each having openings at its opposite ends which will constitute part of two adjacent said bores, an even number of links in a stacked relationship between a pair of washer means constituting each said bore with alternate links extending to the bores on opposite sides of said first-mentioned bore].

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8. (Newly Amended) A flexible coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein the body has parallel faces extending between adjacent bores from which the washer means project, the [mouldable] moldable material being shaped to surround each washer means projecting from one of said body faces [where it is proud of a body face].

9. (Withdrawn)

10. (Withdrawn)